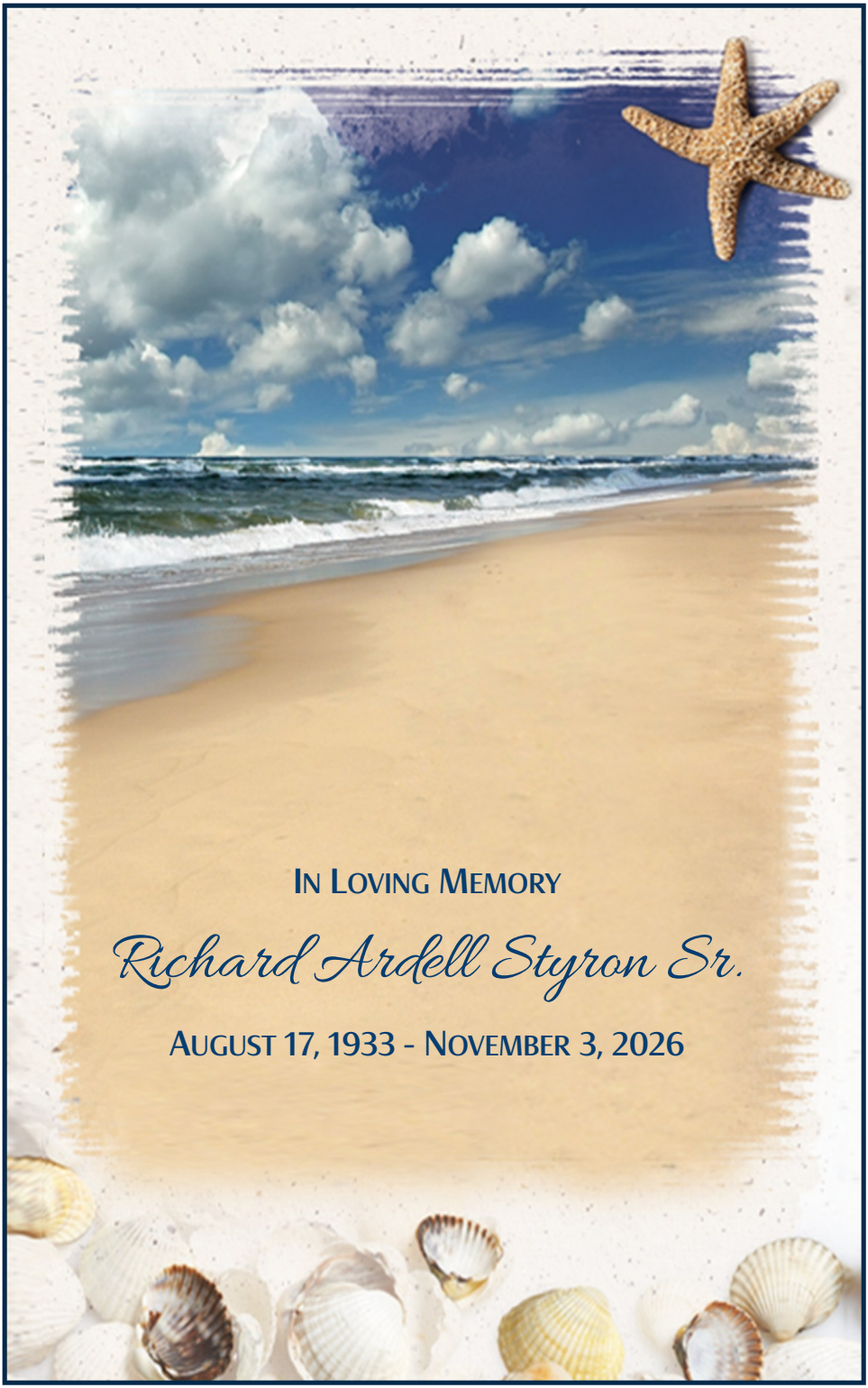


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Graveside Service

11 a.m., Monday, November 9, 2026
Cedar Island Community Cemetery, Cedar Island, NC
Officiated by Rev. Tim Whealton

Welcome

Opening Prayer

"In The Garden"

Reading of the Obituary

"What A Friend We Have In Jesus"

Remarks

Closing Prayer

Richard Ardell Styron Sr., 93, of Cedar Island, North Carolina, passed away peacefully at his home on Tuesday, November 3, 2026.

Richard was born on August 17, 1933, in Morehead City, NC, to the late Samuel Ardell Styron and Naomi Goodwin Styron. One of 12 children, he grew up surrounded by a large family that remained an important part of his life.

Proud of his military service, Richard served three years in United States Army and was a Korean War veteran. Following his time in the military, he began a long and fulfilling career with Norfolk Dredging Company. Starting as a deckhand, Richard worked his way up to superintendent through hard work and dedication, retiring after 41 years of faithful service to the company.

In his younger years, Richard especially enjoyed hunting. He was a natural handyman with a keen mind and a talent for fixing just about anything.

For Richard, life was made all the more special by the love of his sweetheart, Jo Anne. Together, they shared 70½ wonderful years of marriage, building a beautiful life and raising a family that meant everything to him. Having spent his entire life along the coast, Richard loved fishing and oystering, especially when Ms. Jo Ann was by his side. They also enjoyed traveling together, with Ocracoke and Tennessee being among their favorite destinations.

Above all else, Richard was a devoted husband, father, grandfather, and great-grandfather. His family was his greatest joy, and he loved each of them with all his heart.

Those remaining to cherish his memory are his loving and devoted wife, Jo Anne Styron; daughters, Melodie Robinson and significant other Randy of Harkers Island, NC and Pollyanna Davis and husband Michael of Wendell, NC; sons, Robert Styron and significant other Annette, and Dean Robinson, all of Cedar Island, NC; daughter-in-law, Mary Styron of Cedar Island, NC and sister, Blondie Goodwin of Cedar Island, NC.

Richard was blessed with numerous grandchildren, Melissa, Amanda, Richard, Charles, Josh, Fred, Joanna, Allison, and Destiny; and great-grandchildren, Chassidy, Adam, Johnathon, Emily, Lilliana, Richard, Willow, Summer, Stella, Carter, Sebrina, Levi, Iris, Raymond, and Davin.

In addition to his parents, Richard was preceded in death by his son, Richard “Pie” Styron Jr.; sisters, Addie Goodwin, Ester Gilgo, Caldonia Gaskill, Ellen Goodwin, Janet Fulcher, and Winnie Goodwin; brothers, Curtis Styron, Harliss Styron, Donald Styron, and Bennie Styron; grandchildren, Robert “Bubby” Styron Jr. and Vada Styron; and great-grandson, Noah Styron.

Crossing the Bar

By Lord Alfred Tennyson

Sunset and evening star
And one clear call for me!
And may there be no moaning of the bar,
When I put out to sea,

But such a tide as moving seems asleep,
Too full for sound and foam,
When that which drew from out
the boundless deep
Turns again home.

Twilight and evening bell,
And after that the dark!
And may there be no sadness of farewell,
When I embark;

For though from out our
bourne of Time and Place
The flood may bear me far,
I hope to see my Pilot face to face
When I have crossed the bar.

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